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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for your interest in Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' proposed Improvement Project for the Fairweather Fishing Access Site located on the Missouri River, 16 miles north of Three Forks. The project

proposes realigning and building 2500 feet of new access road, building a parking lot and cul-de-sac; constructing a hard surface boat ramp; erecting signs; installing a sealed vault latrine; and reclaiming the old road and site. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared on the project, and it analyzed three additional alternatives as well as the preferred action.

A legal notice was placed in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, the Independent Record, The Three Forks Herald and the Townsend Star newspapers for the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment. It was sent to a distribution list and was put on the State of Montana Electronic Bulletin Board for review. There was a 30-day comment period, which ended October 29, 2001. No comments were received.

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment, I have determined that the process has satisfactorily complied with the Montana Environmental Policy Act. The proposed action poses no significant impact to the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The decision has been made to proceed with the preferred action alternative as described in the EA. Any comments may be made to Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Cherry River FAS Improvements, 1400 South 19th, Bozeman, MT 59718, or email tgreason@montana.edu. This decision adopts the Draft Environmental Assessment as the final document.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Flowers
Regional Supervisor